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MID-YEAR CONFERENCE PRAISED BY PVC STAFFER

The Committee responsible for planning the Mid-Year Conference has received many compliments on the value and quality of the Annual event.

Dr. William Walters, PVC professor of education, expresses the feelings of many of our staff members as he "Says it Out Loud" about the Conference to PVC Pres. Thomas: "Without a doubt the faculty in-service this semester was the most beneficial one that I have participated in the last twenty-eight years that I have been in the teaching profession.

"There are many things that made the sessions a high-light. Naturally the wise planning by the planning committee was one of the points that made the sessions productive. Time element, variety of subjects, the frame of mind of the faculty, your presence at our sessions and the informal group meetings made it most worthwhile to me.

"In the main, the group participants were the same groups that we formed in the fall. This served as a stimulating effect to most of us. We felt that we had worked with the group previously and this meant a great deal. It was sort of a follow up so to speak.

"I have sat through many years of

in-service sessions in other areas of the state that would appear sick compared to ours here. I have heard nothing but good remarks concerning the two days well-spent.

"Thanks for allowing me to be a small part and for allowing me to say it out loud.

RALSTON-PURINA ANNOUNCES 73-74 FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

The Ralston-Purina Co. has announced its program for research fellowship awards for the 1973-

74 academic year.

Ralston-Purina will award six fellowships, at \$4,000 each, for graduate study in dairy science, animal science, and poultry science, which may be taken at any land-grant university. Deadline for applications is February 28, 1973.

The selection committee consist of Dr. Randall W. Jones, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Dr. R. H. Thayer, Poultry Science Association; Dr. Eric W. Swanson, Dairy Science Association; Dr. V. C. Speer, American Society of Animal Science; Dr. Marvin J. Twiehaus, American Veterinary Medical Association; and representatives of the Ralston-Purina Co.

For application blanks, write to Mr. G. H. Kyd, Ralston-Purina Company, St. Louis, Mo. 63188.

PVC PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DRS. PURVIS CARTER, History; H.G.HENDRICKS, Educ. and R.N.S. RAO, Engr.Messrs.ROBERT GIBSON, Nat.Sci.; WILLIAM J. NICKS, Phys. Educ., and L. C. WEAVER, Educ.are all listed in the 1973 edition of the Dictionary of International Biography.

The Dictionary of International Biography is firmly established as a cumulative record of contemporary achievement throughout the world.

It is unique in that biographical sketches of men and women, for the most part, cannot, be found in the various national Who's Who. The publishers' object is to provide information about many thousands of people of achievement but not, as yet, of world-wide fame, and to anticipate rather than duplicate, their appearance in the other major reference works.

MR. SAM R. DARUVALLA, assistant professor of Electrical Engineering and Mr. Philip Schmidt (former engineering faculty member) have co-authored a paper that has been accepted for presentation at the ASEE's Frontiers in Education conference to be held at Purdue University, April 9-11, 1973. The paper is entitled: "An Evaluation of Self-Pace Instruction Techniques in Engineering Courses." This paper will also be published in the Conference Digest.

PRESIDENT ALVIN I. THOMAS addressed the weekly meeting of the Houston Baptist Ministers' Association on Tuesday, February 20,

1973 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. The Association has a membership of some 325 ministers in the Greater Houston Area.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TWO-YEAR NROTC PROGRAM

Interested sophomores or third year students in a five-year course should contact the Professor of Naval Science immediately, if they are interested in selection for the Two-Yerr NROTC College Program.

Applications are not restricted to male students nor are there specific majors required. To be eligible a student must be in good standing with the college with not less than a "C" average and at least 18 years of age upon enrollment. Applicants may be married or unmarried and must meet the same physical standards prescribed for the Four-Year NROTC College Program.

This summer, selected applicants will be paid transportation to and from home to the Naval Science Institute and will receive pay, in addition to tuition, room and board. During the summer, these selectees will participate in a course of instruction in Naval Science and drill similar to that required to NROTC students during their freshman and sophomore school years. 10% of successful participants will be awarded scholarships by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on the basis of their performance and recommendation by the Commanding Officer of the Naval Science Institute.

Naval Science Institute students who do not receive CNO scholarships

but are other wise qualified for the NROTC Program will be eligible for the advanced student, NROTC College (Contract) Program. A Contract Student receives \$100.00 per month on their return to PVC and until Commissioning on Graduation as Ensigns, U. S. Navy Reserve.

Selections for the Two-Year NROTC College Program are made on a national basis from nominations submitted by the Professors of Naval Science. Each applicant is considered under the "whole man" concept and those considered best qualified are selected.

Males and females interested in the program should call or come by the NROTC Department, Third Floor, Spence Hall, as soon as possible.

BELL LABS ASSIST THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING The School of Engineering has received a second installment of \$5,000 to be used in the Engineering Honor's Scholarship program and to support Engineering seniors in small-scale purchase items required in their senior investigation projects. Bell Labs has also donated five crates of miscellaneous electronic equipment along with ten scope mobiles for use in the EE Labs.

Mr. Bob Rusek of Bell Labs, Illinois and Mr. Evander Duck of Bell Labs, New Jersey, visited with Dean A. E. Greaux and EE faculty to discuss the Visiting Professor program under which Mr. Rusek is being considered to assist the EE department in the area of Communication Theory and Circuits.

U.S. SEEKING TEACHERS TO GO OVERSEAS

The Pentagon has recently sent out a call for applications by teachers and school nurses to staff overseas schools for children of U. S. servicemen in the 1973-74 school year.

About 300 elementary and secondary schools are operated on U. S. bases for children of military families in 26 countries.

Starting salary for a teacher or nurse with a bachelor degree is \$7,790 for a school year. Teachers with advanced degrees receive higher starting salaries. The U. S. government provides transportation and housing or housing allowances.

For further details contact Miss Parsons, Career Planning and Placement Center.

EE DEPT. SPONSORS FIELD TRIP

As a part of the graduation requirements, the EE seniors will participate in a field trip to the NASA complex on February 27, 1973. The students will be visiting IBM Corporation and NASA Building I and learn about the engineering involvement at the Manned Spacecraft Center.

Mr. Horace St. Julian is the faculty sponsor for the field trip.

ALCOA FOUNDATION

President Thomas has received an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Mr. Earl L. Gadberry, Vice President of Alcoa Foundation.

President Thomas stated that a special effort to encourage a number (Continued on back page)

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of young faculty members to complete their work for the terminal degree was being done. Therefore, plans are to use this grant in support of the faculty development program here at PVC.

AROTC ADVANCED
CADETS IN
WHO'S WHO

PVC's AROTC Brigade is proud to announce that five of its Advanced Course mem-

bers were nominated for WHO'S WHO in American Colleges and Universities 1972. The nominees are: Cadet Colonel Cornelius Easter, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel MacArthur Pickens, Cadet Captain Larry Lester, Cadet Lieutenants Arnold R. Hider and Arlie LeBeaux.

Cadet Colonel Easter is a Senior Industrial Education major from Ft. Worth, Texas. He currently commands PVC's 800 man AROTC Brigade. Easter is an honor student who has been designated a Distinguished Military Student. Easter has received the Reserve Officers Association Award and the Ranger Tab. He holds membership in the National Society of Pershing Rifles and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. This outstanding Cadet plans to become a career army officer.

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel MacArthur Pickens commands the First AROTC Battalion. Pickens is a Senior Industrial Teacher Education major from Houston, Texas. His Awards include the Distinguished Military Student Badge, membership in Epsilon Pi Tau Honor Society and the National Society of Scabbard and Blade.

Cadet Captain Larry Lester, a junior Electrical Engineering major from Texas City, Texas is one of the six MS III Company Commanders. Lester has consistently excelled in academic matters, attaining a 3.87 GPA of a possible 4.00. He is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma and the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers.

Cadet Lieutenant Arnold Ray Hider is an MS III Cadet from Corsicana, Texas. He is majoring in Social Work. Hider, who has an accumulative average of 3.67 is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and Phi Alpha as well as the Association of the U.S. Army. Arnold's motto, "If He Can Do It, I Can Do It," should inspire others to reach or surpass his considerable achievements.

Cadet Lieutenant Arlie LeBeaux, a native of PVC is a junior majoring in Pre-medicine. A recipient of an ROTC Scholarship and the superior Cadet Award, (MS I and MS III), he is a member of Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society. Based on his average, 3.85, LeBeaux has been invited to join Alpha Pi Mu National Honor Society. He has served with distinction as Cadet Project Officer and Platoon Leader.

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Mr. A. M. Riggs, General Manager, EXXON Production Research and Mr. W. B. "Bill" Everett, Jr., Administrator of Technical Recruiting, presented Pres. Thomas a \$4,000 grant.